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SUBJ: US MISSIONARY EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING RETURN
VISA TO ROK

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1. ENTRY CONTROL SECTION OF MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TELLS US IT HAS NOT YET APPROVED VISA OF U.S. MISSIONARY JOHN J. HILL BECAUSE SECTION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT TWO OF THREE PERSONS GIVEN BY HILL AS REFERENCES IN KOREA. ONE REFERENCE APPARENTLY IN U.S. AND ANOTHER NOT AT ADDRESS GIVEN BY HILL. IN LIEU OF CHECKING REFERENCES, SECTION SEEKING CERTIFIED COPY OF REGISTRATION OF CHRISTIAN MISSION TO ROK. MINISTRY MENTIONED NO OTHER PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF VISA.

2. REV. GORDON PATTON, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN MISSION TO ROK AND RESIDENT OF SEOUL, IS WORKING WITH ENTRY CONTROL SECTION ON BEHALF OF HILL VISA. HE BELIEVES DELAY IS PROCEDURAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXPLANATION GIVEN BY ENTRY CONTROL SECTION TO EMBASSY. HE IS PROVIDING SECTION WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR HILL VISA, AND BELIEVES VISA MIGHT BE ISSUED AROUND AGUST 10. THIS ESTIMATE BASED ON HIS INTUITION HOWEVER, AND NOT ON OFFICIAL WORD FROM OFFICIALS OF SECTION.
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